

Summerlin Evangelical Lutheran Church
 Good Friday Service
 April 14, 2017
 Pastor Nathan Buch



Come and See: The Savior's Walk to the Cross

Come and see! When we have something special we want others to see it too. We want to share with others the joy we have. We want others to have joy too.

This Holy Week we have been using the theme Come and See. On Palm Sunday, we came and saw the prophecy of the Messiah fulfilled in the triumphant arrival of Jesus into Jerusalem. He came as a king ready to do battle. His battle against sin, death and the devil was just beginning.

Last night, on Maundy Thursday, we came and saw the perfect sacrifice. We saw how Jesus explained to his disciples that he was the fulfillment of that perfect sacrifice. We heard how he explained that he would give his body on the cross and pour out his blood willingly as the perfect sacrifice that would take away the sin of the world.

Tonight we come and see our Savior's walk to the cross. We will see the promise fulfilled in Bethlehem, we will see his willingness to walk to Calvary, we will see him accused as a blasphemer, we will see his innocence, we will see him hated and we will see his love. Most of all we will see what our Savior did for us to take away our sins once and for all.

Jesus walk to the cross will not always be easy for us to see or pleasant for us to watch. The sins we commit deserve punishment and death. As we walk through our service this evening you will hear grim details of pain and agony. This is the pain and agony that we deserved, but that Jesus took in our place.

This evening is called Good Friday not because we want to see someone suffer and die, but because it was through this suffering and death that God brought salvation and forgiveness to us. Paul says, "You see just at the right time, while we were powerless, Christ died for the ungodly."

Come and see your Savior walk to the cross for you and me and the whole world.

Good Friday:
 Come and See Your Savior's Walk to the Cross



Pastor Opening

Opening Hymn: CW 126 Lord Jesus You Are Going Forth.
 Congregation sings verses 1,3,5. A soloist sings verses 2,4

C: 1 (The Soul:)

**Lord Jesus, you are going forth For me your life to offer,
 For me, a sinner from my birth, Who caused all you must suffer.
 So be it, then, My dearest Friend; I follow after, weeping,
 Tears flowing free Your pain to see, Watch o'er your sorrows keeping.**

2 (Jesus:) Soloist

O soul, come hither and behold The fruit of your transgression!
 My burden is the curse of old And for your sin my passion.
 Now comes the night Of sin's dread might; Your guilt I here am bearing.
 Oh, weigh it, soul; I make you whole, No need now of despairing.

C: 3 (The Soul:)

**'Tis I, Lord Jesus, I confess, Who should have borne sin's wages
 And lost the peace of heav'nly bliss Through everlasting ages.
 Instead you go To bear the blow, My punishment to carry.
 Your death and blood Lead me to God; By grace I there may tarry.**

4 (Jesus:) Soloist

O soul, I take upon me now The pain you should have suffered.
 My death will your release allow; My gift is freely offered.
 The curse I choose That you might lose Sin's curse and guilt forever.
 My gift of love From heav'n above Will give you blessing ever.

5 (The Soul:)

**What can I for such love divine To you, Lord Jesus, render?
 No merit has this heart of mine; Yet while I live I'll tender
 Myself alone And all I own In love to serve before you.
 Then when time's past, Take me at last; In heav'n I shall adore you.**

I: Come and See: The Promise Fulfilled

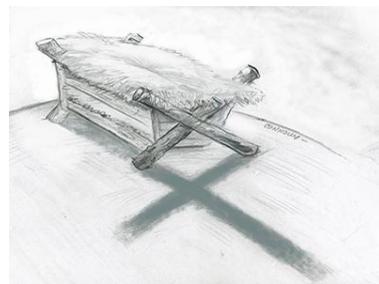
Luke 2: 11. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

Small Choir Sings: There was no Room

*There was no room in Bethlehem for Him who left His throne,
To seek the lost at countless cost and make their griefs His own.
But there was room on Calvary upon the cross of shame,
For Him to die uplifted high to bear the sinners blame.*

*There was no room in Bethlehem and in the world today
Men will not give him room to live, and bid him turn away.
But there is room on Calvary and there He stands to give
A home for all who heed His call and look to Him and live.*

*There was no room in Bethlehem for Christ, the Prince of kings,
From throne and crown to earth come down with healing in his wings.
But there is room on Calvary for sinners to abide
And who will come may find a home in Jesus crucified!.*



II: Come and See : His Willingness

Mark 14:41,42. ⁴¹ Returning the third time, he said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴² Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!”

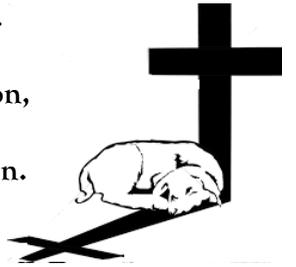
✦ Hymn 100 A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

1 A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth, Our guilt and evil bearing
And, laden with the sins of earth, None else the burden sharing.
Goes patient on, grows weak and faint, To slaughter led without complaint,
That spotless life to offer, Bears shame and stripes and wounds and death,
Anguish and mockery and says, “Willing all this I suffer.”

2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul’s great friend, The Lamb of God, our Savior;
Him God the Father chose to send To gain for us his favor.

“Go forth, my Son,” the Father said, “And free my children from their dread
Of guilt and condemnation. The wrath and stripes are hard to bear,
But by your passion they will share The fruit of your salvation.”

3 “Yes, Father, yes, most willingly I’ll bear what you command me.
My will conforms to your decree; I’ll do what you have asked me.”
O wondrous Love, what have you done! The Father offers up his Son,
Desiring our salvation. O Love, how strong you are to save!
You make his bed within the grave Who built the earth’s foundation.



III. Come and See: The One They Call a Criminal

Mark 14: 61-65. Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?”

⁶² “I am,” said Jesus. “And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

⁶³ The high priest tore his clothes. “Why do we need any more witnesses?” he asked. ⁶⁴ “You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?”

They all condemned him as worthy of death. ⁶⁵ Then some began to spit at him; they blindfolded him, struck him with their fists, and said, “Prophecy!” And the guards took him and beat him.

✦ Hymn 105 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



1 O sacred head, now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded, With thorns your only crown,
O sacred head, no glory Now from your face does shine;
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call you mine.

2 Men mock and taunt and jeer you, They smite your countenance,
Though mighty worlds shall fear you And flee before your glance.
How pale you are with anguish, With sore abuse and scorn!
Your eyes with pain now languish That once were bright as morn!

IV. Come and See: The One Who is Innocent

Luke 23: 1-5; 20-22. Then the whole assembly rose and led him off to Pilate. ² And they began to accuse him, saying, “We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and claims to be Christ, a king.”

³ So Pilate asked Jesus, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

“Yes, it is as you say,” Jesus replied.

⁴ Then Pilate announced to the chief priests and the crowd, “I find no basis for a charge against this man.”

⁵ But they insisted, “He stirs up the people all over Judea by his teaching. He started in Galilee and has come all the way here.”

²⁰ Wanting to release Jesus, Pilate appealed to them again. ²¹ But they kept shouting, “Crucify him! Crucify him!”

²² For the third time he spoke to them: “Why? What crime has this man committed? I have found in him no grounds for the death penalty. Therefore I will have him punished and then release him.”

²³ But with loud shouts they insistently demanded that he be crucified, and their shouts prevailed. ²⁴ So Pilate decided to grant their demand. ²⁵ He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, the one they asked for, and surrendered Jesus to their will.

✦ Hymn 117 O Dearest Jesus

1 O dearest Jesus, what law have you broken
That such sharp sentence should on you be spoken?
Of what great crime have you to make confession—What dark transgression?

2 They crown your head with thorns, they smite, they scourge you;
With cruel mockings to the cross they urge you;
They give you gall to drink, they still decry you; They crucify you.

4 What punishment so strange is suffered yonder!
The Shepherd dies for sheep that love to wander;
The Master pays the debt his servants owe him, Who would not know him.

5 The sinless Son of God must die in sadness;
The sinful child of man may live in gladness;
We forfeited our lives, yet are acquitted—God is committed.

V. Come and See: The One They Hated

Mark 15: 25-32. ²⁵ It was the third hour when they crucified him. ²⁶ The written notice of the charge against him read: THE KING OF THE JEWS. ²⁷ They crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁹ Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, “So! You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, ³⁰ come down from the cross and save yourself!”

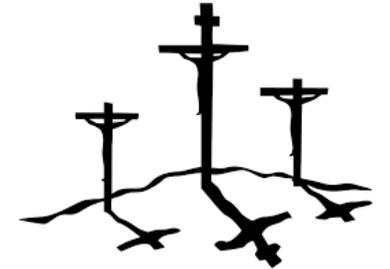
³¹ In the same way the chief priests and the teachers of the law mocked him among themselves. “He saved others,” they said, “but he can’t save himself! ³² Let this Christ, this King of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe.” Those crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

✦ Hymn 385 Chief of Sinners Though I Be

1 Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed his blood for me,
Died that I might live on high, Lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine, I am his and he is mine!

2 Oh, the height of Jesus’ love, Higher than the heav’ns above,
Deeper than the depths of sea, Lasting as eternity,
Love that found me—wondrous thought!—Found me when I sought him not.

4 Chief of sinners though I be, Christ is all in all to me.
All my wants to him are known; All my sorrows are his own.
Safe with him in earthly strife, I await the heav’nly life.



VI. Come and See: His Love

Luke 23:34. Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.

Luke 23:43. I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise.

✦ Hymn 714 The Lamb

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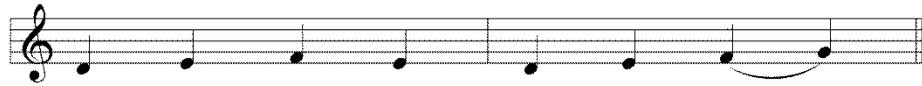
The Lamb



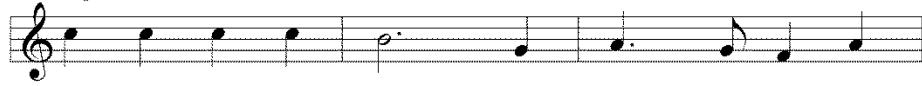
1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the
 2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal
 3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their
 4 He sighs, he dies, He takes my sin and
 5 He rose, he rose, My heart with thanks now



sac - ri - fice? Faith sees, be - lieves God
 of - fer - ing. The Lamb, the Lamb, Let
 shep - herd kill So still, his will, On
 wretch - ed - ness. He lives, for - gives, He
 o - ver - flows. His song pro - long 'Til



will pro - vide the Lamb of price!
 earth join heav'n his praise to sing.
 our be - half the law to fill.
 gives me his own right - eous - ness.
 ev - 'ry heart to him be - long.

Refrain

Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me his



own! The Lamb is reign - ing on his throne.

As the Lord provided for Abraham a sacrifice in place of his son Isaac, so also he lovingly provides for us his own Son, Jesus, the perfect Lamb of God sacrificed for the sins of the world.

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Offering: Please take a moment to sign the friendship register.

Responsive Prayer for Good Friday

P: Heavenly Father, you are a just God who accepts nothing less than perfection. All too often we fail to realize how much our sins offend you. We forget that the wages of sin is truly death. We forget that there is actually a hell. Lead us to recognize the seriousness of our sinfulness. Lead us to admit our inability to make things right with you.

C: Teach us to look to you as the only one who can make us just and right.

P: Tonight we are reminded not only of your justice, but also of your love. You did not spare your Son, but gave him up as a ransom for each one of us. Comfort us with the knowledge of this great love. Give us the peace that the forgiveness of sins brings.

C: When we feel our guilt, point us to the cross where our guilt was washed away in Jesus' blood.

P: Lord Jesus, we thank you for paying the debt that we could not pay. We thank you for coming to earth so that we could be with you forever in heaven.

C: For being our perfect substitute, we thank you Lord Jesus.

P: Son of God, you offered up your body as an unblemished sacrifice for sin and commended your spirit into the hands of your Father. Teach us to cast the cares of this brief life on our heavenly Father and commit our bodies and souls to his love.

C: Give us the courage to face death, knowing that it is the gate to our home in heaven.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we offer our personal thanks for the forgiveness that you have given us and for the home that you have won for us. Hear these, our private prayers.

Silent prayer

M. The cross was once an instrument of death. It is now a sign of life.

C: Dear Savior, we humbly kneel at the cross in awe of your power and love and pray: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, Forever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

VII. Come and See: The Savior of the World

Mark 15: 33-34. ³³ At the sixth hour darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour.

³⁴ And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “*Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?*”—which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

John 19:30. Jesus said, “It is finished.” With that he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

✦ Hymn 104

Go to Dark Gethsemane

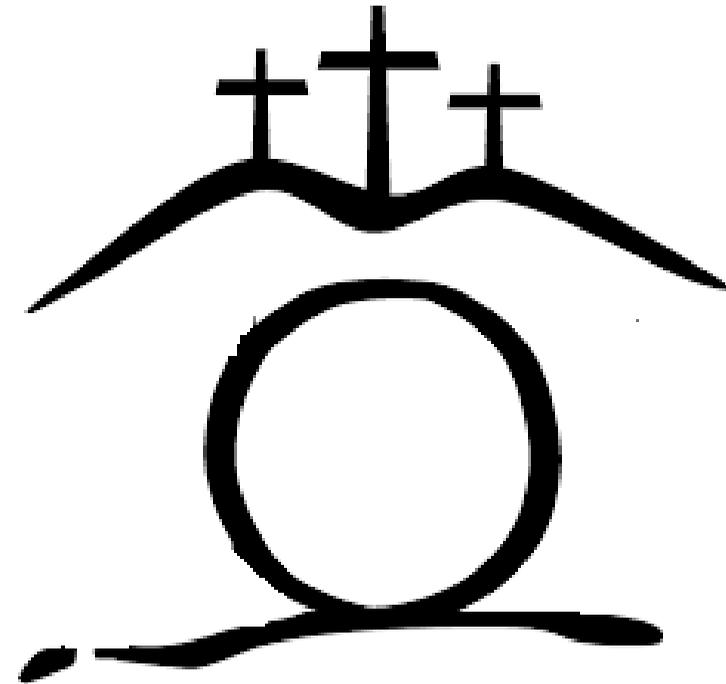
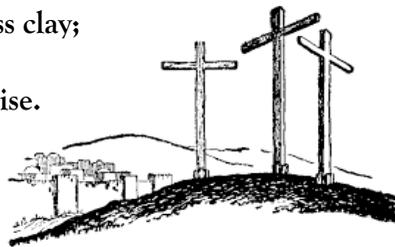
As the congregation sings the final hymn as the altar is stripped. This stripping of the altar symbolizes Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus taking down the body of Christ. The cross stands empty, the price paid, the work done. We wait in expectation for Sunday morning when we will celebrate the resurrection of Christ. But now we take one last moment to contemplate our sins and our Savior’s sacrifice. We exit in silence.

1 Go to dark Gethsemane, All who feel the tempter’s pow’r;
Your Redeemer’s conflict see. Watch with him one bitter hour;
Turn not from his griefs away; Learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

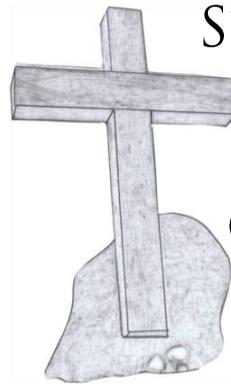
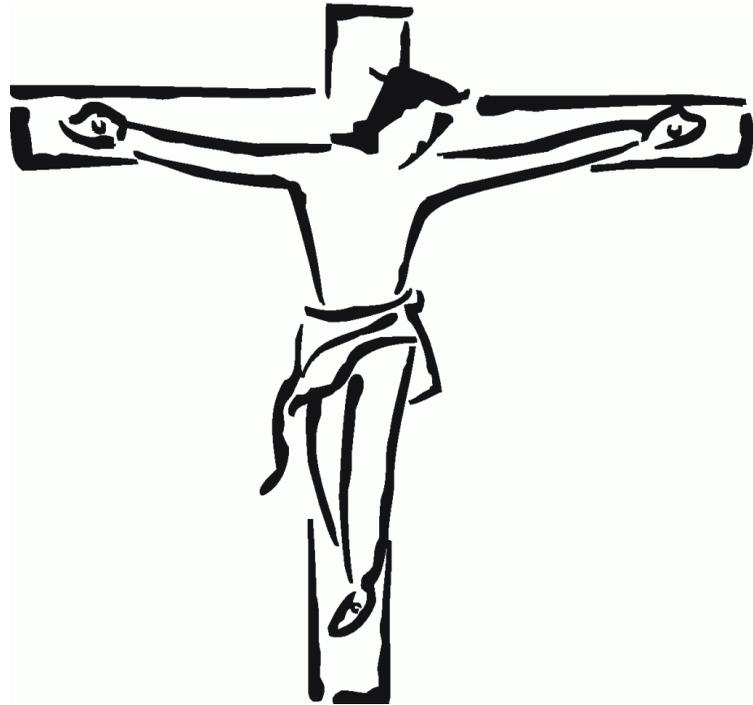
2 Follow to the judgment hall; View the Lord of life arraigned.
Oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suff’ring, pain, or loss; Learn of him to bear the cross.

3 Calv’ry’s mournful mountain climb; There, adoring at his feet,
Mark that miracle of time, God’s own sacrifice complete.
“It is finished!” hear him cry; Learn of Jesus Christ to die.

4 Early hasten to the tomb Where they laid his breathless clay;
All is solitude and gloom. Who has taken him away?
Christ is ris’n! He meets our eyes. Savior, teach us so to rise.



Please return on Easter Sunday morning at 10:00 am.



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